

DECEMBER 12, 2012 – NOTES OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE SEVIER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AT A MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2012, AT 2:00 PM IN THE SEVIER SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE.

In attendance were President Clint Johnson, Vice President Jack Hansen, members Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr, as were Superintendent Myron Mickelsen, Assistant Superintendent Gail Albrecht, Business Administrator Patrick D. Wilson, and Executive Secretary Patricia Sanchez.

Also in attendance were secretary Mavane Loftus, Student Learning Director Cade Douglas, SEA President Curtis Benjamin, patrons Laura Christensen, Molly Foster, Brandon Christensen, Kara Hafen, Megan Jewkes, and Shelly Mason, students Jaden Turner and Faith Johnson.

President Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Richard Orr offered the reverence and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #2. – CONSENT AGENDA. President Johnson called for objections on the consent agenda. Since there were no objections, the consent agenda received Board approval.

ITEM #2.A. – APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes from the November 14, 2012, Board Meeting and Closed Meeting were approved.

ITEM #2.B. – REVISED POLICIES #2290 & #3065, ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR INTERNET & NETWORK ACCESS – FIRST READING. This is to update the policies to reflect the ability to provide access to programs such as Google docs, YouTube, and other various Internet related educational opportunities. The policies identify that there are risks associated to Internet access and that there will always be the chance that inappropriate material could get past the filter process. It identifies that it is the responsibility of all individuals involved; students, teachers, administrators, and parents, to monitor and use good judgment in accepting access to the Internet. The revised policies received first reading approval.

ITEM #2.C. – APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEES. The following individuals were approved for employment: **Staci Kling** as an instructional assistant at Monroe Elementary (*one year only*); **Sherry McEntire, Sheri Burr, Kammie Luke, and Lisa Sandberg** as instructional assistants at Ashman Elementary (*one year only*) and, **Fran Washburn** as a bus driver for the route opening in the South Sevier attendance area.

ITEM #2.D. – APPROVAL OF FY 2012 AUDIT, USOE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & USOE ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORT. The FY 2012 Audit, USOE Annual Financial Report, and USOE Annual Program Report were presented in a work session prior to the regular Board meeting. The FY 2012 Audit and USOE Annual Financial and Program reports received Board approval as presented.

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ITEM #2.E. – 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR – FIRST READING. The proposed 2013-14 school year calendar received first reading approval.

ITEM #2.F. – STUDENT RECOGNITION. Students were recognized and congratulated on their achievements. A letter of congratulations will be sent to each student.

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ITEM #2.G. – FINANCIAL SUMMARY. The financial summary for the period ending November 30, 2012, was approved as well as the list of checks issued in November 2012.

ITEM #3. – PATRON DIALOGUE. President Johnson invited the group to present their information and explained that patron dialogue was mainly for informative purposes. He stated that the Board listens to items from the patrons and if deemed necessary, the item would be placed on the agenda for future Board meetings where it can be discussed and voted on if necessary. He expressed appreciation for their efforts and being able to read through the proposal before the meeting.

Patrons Laura Christensen, Molly Foster, Kara Hafen, Megan Jewkes, and Shelly Mason addressed the Board in regards to the District providing string education and an orchestra class for middle school students. The proposal was to offer one orchestra class for the 6th grade beginning the 2013-14 school year at Red Hills Middle School. The proposal also included ideas for funding, research and statistics, other Utah districts that participate in an orchestra program, and signatures and letters of support.

Student Jaden Turner approached the Board saying that he is a Sterling Scholar nominee this year and that it would benefit him and other students to be able to access Google Docs and YouTube and wondered if and when students would be able to access them.

Mr. Wilson informed him that the revised Acceptable Use Policies (#2290 & #3065) for staff and students went before the Board earlier in the meeting for first reading approval, which would give access to Google Docs and YouTube after the first of the year. He explained that Gmail would remain blocked because the District is unable to filter mail that may contain inappropriate material.

ITEM #4.A. – DISCUSSION – ITEMS FROM THE BOARD. The following items were discussed:

- USBA Convention: Convention information was shared with the Board and a count was taken for the Zion's Bank Public Finance luncheon on Friday, January 11.
- Business Administrator appointment: **A motion was made by Jack Hansen and seconded by Don Naser to renew the appointment of Patrick D. Wilson as the Business Administrator for a two-year term and to amend the contract to include all compensation in the base salary; this does not provide any salary increases. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Mr. Orr informed the group that he had been contacted by a woman from the State Unity Relations Service Information Department saying that contact had also been made with the Department of Justice in regards to a letter/pamphlet that had been circulating the Richfield area in about a black family moving to the area. She simply wanted to know if this was a problem and that information or people were available to help with this issue. Mr. Orr asked if anyone had further information about this issue. Mr. Hansen commented that it had been considered a hoax. Superintendent Mickelsen stated that he had received a phone call from the same person that contacted Mr. Orr offering help and services if there were any problems.

ITEM 4.B. – DISCUSSION – ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION. The following items were discussed:

Items from Superintendent Mickelsen

- UHSAA – Board of Directors: Superintendent Mickelsen recently attended the UHSAA meeting and felt that things were becoming very political and in disarray. He stated that certain districts have been critical of the count of the Native American students from the Richfield Residential Hall and that they've always questioned whether the District counted them. The District has counted them and reported it accurately. Now they have extended that to alternative schools, which has never been a requirement. He commented that he purposely attended the meeting to make sure that they were aware that Sevier District counts those students in the alternative school specific to their origin school or attendance area. There had been some conversations saying that all of the students at the alternative school should be attributed to Richfield High's student count. Superintendent wanted to make sure they clearly understood and had accurate information. The online students have also been reported as coming from these attendance areas as well. He stated that Sevier has no representation on the Board of Trustees and that it's important for District's to have a vote. He's encouraged principals to unite and help make relationships with the 2A and 3A schools.

- Assessment RFP report: Superintendent announced that the USOE did not select NWEA as the adaptive testing provider. There were 13 vendors that submitted an RFP. NWEA was well represented but not selected. The American Institute of Research (AIR) was selected and would take effect in the 2014-15 school year. Superintendent Mickelsen attended an Education Appropriations Committee on December 11 with Senator Stevenson and USOE officials. He explained that the vendor would fall short of the expectations presented by the legislature and that they would not be able to deliver the quality of assessment results as NWEA. There are a lot of questions in the way the USOE and State Board selected the vendor and that information was not properly communicated. The ethics of the committee responsible for the selection of the vendor are also questionable. The District is pushing hard to have the committee answer questions. Mr. Wilson commented on how would the state be able to give performance pay to teachers without growth data.

President Johnson expressed appreciation to Superintendent for his efforts with this issue and to know that he has the support of the Board.

Items from Gail Albrecht

- Utah Comprehensive Accountability System (UCAS) summary: Mrs. Albrecht explained that UCAS is the USOE's growth and achievement. They calculate growth through comparing the 2011 Spring CRT to the 2012 Spring CRT. This involves two different sets of students (3rd graders of 2011 compared to the 3rd graders of 2012). This growth calculation does not compare the same students or track their growth over time. Mrs. Albrecht reviewed the 2012 UCAS growth and achievement summary with the group. She also provided the USOE website (www.schools.utah.gov) and how to access the Public School Data (psdgateway) for further information. Prosperity 2020 and legislators explain that realtors look at this site because people want to know which schools rank highest in a particular area.

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Items from Pat Wilson

- Construction projects: Mr. Wilson explained that the front entrances to NSHS and SSHS are near completion. Also the chiller project at NSMS and piping at PES have been closed out. The warehouse has received a new skin, roof, and insulation. Also, the bats and other issues have been eliminated. The front office has been torn out and is the process of being remodeled. The

District maintenance department will take care of the plumbing to help save money on the project. The temperature inside the warehouse has improved greatly.

- Christmas card contest: Mr. Wilson shared the names of the student winners as well as the District's 2012 Christmas card. From the beginning of this contest, the District provided savings bonds to the winners; however, they are no longer available. The District provided students with gift cards spending the same amount of money as on the savings bonds.
- School accounting procedure manual update: The manual was given to the principals and secretaries for review. The District has asked that their input to the manual be submitted before the Christmas break. Once completed, the manual will become a fiscal policy for accounting purposes. Mr. Wilson explained that the Utah State Board of Education has created a rule 277-713, in regards to school accounting, in reaction to two incidents in the Utah valley area with the sports and the booster's program. With the way they've written the rule, it will be very over burdening for small school districts. The business administrator's around the state have stepped in and asked that their input be considered. The District is already trying to do what they are asking by creating the school accounting procedure manual.

ITEM #5. – CLOSED MEETING. A motion was made at 11:35 a.m. by Jack Hansen and seconded by Richard Orr to take a break and go into the Closed Meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual(s), negotiations, and litigation. Voting went as follows: yes – Clint Johnson, Jack Hansen, Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr. Motion passed.

In attendance were President Clint Johnson, Vice President Jack Hansen, members Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr, as were Superintendent Myron Mickelsen, Assistant Superintendent Gail Albrecht, Executive Secretary Patricia Sanchez, and Accountant Kari Carter. Business Administrator Patrick D. Wilson was excused.

A motion was made at 12:01 p.m. by Jack Hansen and seconded by Richard Orr to go out of a Closed Meeting and reenter a Closed Meeting to discuss litigation and negotiations. Motion passed.

Mr. Wilson rejoined the group for the remainder of the closed meeting.

A motion was made at 12:05 p.m. by Don Naser and seconded by Tom Hales to go out of a Closed Meeting. Voting went as follows: yes – Clint Johnson, Jack Hansen, Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr. Motion passed

ITEM #6. – ACTION ITEMS. There were no action items.

A motion was made at 3:34 p.m. by Richard Orr and seconded by Jack Hansen to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

I certify that upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board of Education of the Sevier School District approved the foregoing minutes on the 16th day of January 2013. I further certify that a quorum of the Board was present on both the day covered by these minutes and the day of approval.

Patrick Wilson, Business Administrator